

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted supplementary to the previous Amendments and in connection with the personal conference with the Examiner.

The Examiner's highly beneficial cooperation during the personal conference has been gratefully acknowledged.

In compliance with the Examiner's suggestions, Claim 13, the broadest claim on file, has been amended to more clearly define the present invention and to distinguish it from the prior art.

It is respectfully submitted that the references do not disclose the housing part with a radial seal, which has a first circumferentially closed component insertable into a housing in an axial direction, a second circumferentially closed elastic component which circumferentially surrounds the first component from outside to be located between the first component and the housing in a radial direction, and a riser dome which extends in an axial direction from the radial sealing surface inside the radial sealing surface and forms a seam of two parts of the radial seal or the second circumferentially closed elastic component.

Claim 13 should be considered as patentably distinguishing over the art and should be allowed.

Claim 29 defines an additional feature that the riser dome forms an axial play compensating element having a stop surface located in an axial distance from the radial seal. This feature is also not disclosed in the references and therefore Claim 29 should also be considered as patentably distinguishing over the art per se and should be allowed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be

helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

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